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REMARKS Summary of report

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1. At about 4 p.m. on 15 April 1953, the entraining of troops started in Naumburg. The area of the Ostbahnhof was completely cordoned off. On 15 April, the following materiel from the Hubertus Kaserne and the Blücher Kaserne was loaded: 15 x 122-mm field howitzers, 1 SP gun, which source has

beginning 2 p.m. on 19 April, 8 large amphibious cars, 9 small amphibious cars, 5 sedans, 40 trucks, including 20 carrying pontoons and 20 towing trailers, loaded with one pontoon each; and 20 trucks carrying bridge construction equipment were loaded at the Ostbahnhof.

2. On 20 April, the barracks installations of the Naumburg post were occupied as follows:
- The central building of the Bismarck Kaserne was still occupied, whereas the front and the rear buildings were vacant. At about 6 p.m., about 60 trucks were seen in the barracks yard, ready to leave. ³ The Hindenburg Kaserne was almost vacant. Four sedans and 8 trucks loaded with billeting equipment were in the barracks yard. ¹ The bulk of the unit stationed in the Barbara Kaserne had left. Three trucks and 4 radio trucks were seen in the barracks yard. ⁴ The Hubertus Kaserne and the Lüttich Kaserne were vacant, except for guard details. ¹ The Oberlandesgericht (superior pro-

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vincial court) was still occupied and the general was still there. 4

- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. According to information by another source, the first shipments of the troop units stationed in Naumburg arrived at the Kindel troop training grounds on 18 April. [] According to information on troop shipments and the occupation of the barracks installations in Naumburg in this report, it is believed that the bulk of the following units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div moved to the Kindel troop training grounds: the division headquarters and the 89th Gds Sig Bn from the Hindenburg Kaserne; the 655th How Arty Regt from the Hubertus Kaserne; and the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt from the Blücher Kaserne. The infantry units and heavy mortars entrained at noon on 18 April are believed to have come from the barracks installations on Flemminger Weg, as they had not been observed in the Hindenburg Kaserne. In the fall of 1952, heavy mortars were seen returning to the Hubertus Kaserne.
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. As the unidentified engineer battalion of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, which previously was garrisoned in the Bismarck Kaserne, is believed to have left Naumburg in the fall of 1952, the engineer unit entrained on 19 April apparently was the 67th Engr Bn (US), which either went to an engineer training site or, along with the division, to the Kindel troop training grounds. The corps engineer battalion, since late March 1953, may again be stationed in the Dessau area. []
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. The 60 trucks seen in the Bismarck Kaserne presumably belonged to the 498th AAA Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps as, otherwise, source would have observed engineer equipment. The regiment is vaguely indicated at Wustrow after mid-March.
- 25X1A 4. [] Comment. The Oberlandesgericht was still occupied by the headquarters unit of the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, whereas the 27th Gds Sig Bn stationed in the Barbara Kaserne is fairly definitely believed to have moved to the Kindel training grounds.

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